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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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To the Members of the Newhaven Port Health Authority.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Port Health Report for Newhaven for the year 1959.

Passenger traffic between Newhaven and Dieppe extended from 20th March to 3rd November, 1959. During 1959 the total number of inward passengers (alien and British) which arrived at the Port was 186,269 as compared with 183,158 in 1958, whilst outward passengers numbered 134,561 as against 184,731 in 1958.

In 1959 the number of inward aliens arriving at the Port was 39,146.

The annual numbers of inward aliens arriving at Newhaven from 1945 to 1959 are given in the following table:-

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Inward Aliens</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Inward Aliens</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 1945 | 17,911 | 1953 | 51,084 |
| 1946 | 26,376 | 1954 | 54,652 |
| 1947 | 31,551 | 1955 | 58,410 |
| 1948 | 41,412 | 1956 | 49,934 |
| 1949 | 48,127 | 1957 | 43,330 |
| 1950 | 49,521 | 1958 | 41,030 |
| 1951 | 51,918 | 1959 | 39,146 |
| 1952 | 52,104 | | |

Of the 39,146 aliens who arrived at the Port in 1959, fifty-eight were refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer, 38,339 were inspected by a Medical Inspector and 749 were subjected to detailed medical examinations. None were found to be physically incapacitated, undesirable for medical reasons or lunatic, idiot or mentally defective.

The scheme whereby four medical inspectors are employed on rota in inspecting aliens was continued in 1959. This scheme, initiated in April 1957, has worked well in that administration has been made easier and there was reasonable coverage.

The total tonnage entering Newhaven Port in 1959 was 552,843 as compared with 612,215 tons in 1958. In 1959 the numbers of ships entering the Port were 962 from foreign ports and 249 coastwise.

Imports in 1959 amounted to 173,218 and were comprised chiefly of coal, building and roadmaking material, coke and patent fuel, fruit, vegetables and other foodstuffs, timber, iron and steel.

Exports in 1959 amounted to 43,567 tons and were comprised chiefly of iron, steel, vehicles and vehicle parts, machinery and building and road materials.

There were no cases of notifiable or other infectious disease on ships in 1959.

It is with regret that I have to record the death in August of Dr. E.J. Neill, who for some years has acted as one of the four medical inspectors employed on rota at the Port.

I have to thank Drs. Alexander, Kirker and Barton for their help in the medical inspection of aliens.

Lastly I want to tender my thanks to you for your help and encouragement during the year.

Yours obediently,

G.M. DAVIDSON LOBBAN.

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

Port Medical Officer of Health &
Medical Inspector of Aliens.

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A.

| NAME OF OFFICER | NATURE OF APPOINTMENT. | DATE OF APPOINTMENT | QUALIFICATIONS | ANY OTHER APPOINTMENT HELD. |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|--|
| G.M. Davidson S. Lobban. | Port Medical Officer and Medical Inspector of Aliens. | 15.5.1945 | M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., F.R.S.I., F.R.I.P.H., F.S.M.O.H., | M.O.H., East Sx. United Districts. Physician (Inf. Diseases). Brighton & Lewes Hospital Group. S.E. Met. Reg. Hospital Board |
| G. Kirker | Asst. Medical Inspector of Aliens | 5.4.1957 | M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.Dub. | - |
| E.J. Neill | Asst. Medical Inspector of Aliens | 27.1.1957 Died - 11.8.1959 | M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. | - |
| R. Alexander | Asst. Medical Inspector of Aliens | 27.1.1957 | M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. | - |
| C.S. Barton | Asst. Medical Inspector of Aliens | 25.8.1959 | M.A., B.Sc., L.M.S.S.A., D.R.C.O.G. | - |
| P. Harrison | Port Public Health Inspector and Food Inspector | 5.3.1945 | Cert.R.S.I., & S.I.J.B., Cert. R.S.I. Meat & Foods M.R.S.H., B.O.T.Cert. Master Mariner. | Public Health Inspector to the Newhaven U.D.C. |
| R.K. Osborne | Part time Clerk in Port Health Dept. | 4.10.1954 | - | - |
| E. Croucher | Nurse/Attendant to Medical Inspector of Aliens. | 15.6.1956 | - | - |

Address and Telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health:-

Lewes House,
School Hill,
LEWES, Sussex.

Lewes: 1282

SECTION II

Amount of shipping entering the district
during the year

| Ships from:- | Number | Tonnage | Number inspected by the M.O.H. | By the P.H.I. | Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board. |
|-------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Foreign Ports | 962 | 483,444 | 6 | 57 | Nil |
| Coastwise | 249 | 69,399 | -- | 59 | Nil |
| T O T A L | 1,211 | 552,843 | 6 | 116 | Nil |
| Additional Yachts | 4,028 | 15,100 | | | |

SECTION III

Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|
| Number of Passengers | INWARD | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 186,365 |
| | OUTWARD | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 182,633 |

| Principal IMPORTS | Tons |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Coal, coke and patent fuel. | 101,777 |
| Building and roadmaking material | 21,869 |
| Fish | 150 |
| Fruit and vegetables | 5,922 |
| Other food and provisions | 1,003 |
| Iron and steel | 2,440 |
| Timber | 5,936 |
| Chemicals and chemical fertilisers | 3,672 |
| Raw wool | 782 |
| Other commodities | 29,667 |
| TOTAL | 173,218 |

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Includes | Motor vehicles | |
| | over one ton | 758 |
| | under one ton | 4,419 |
| | motor cycles & caravans | 620 |
| | | 5,797 |

| Principal <u>EXPORTS</u> | <u>Tons.</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Iron and steel | 12,673 |
| Oil and spirit, mineral and motor | 125 |
| Building and road materials | 2,518 |
| Machinery | 2,522 |
| * Vehicles and vehicle parts | 10,584 |
| Woollen goods | 228 |
| Other textiles | 49 |
| Chemicals and chemical fertilisers | 534 |
| Other commodities | <u>14,334</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>43,567</u> |

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| * Includes Motor vehicles | |
| over one ton | 3,079 |
| under one ton | 2,907 |
| Motor cycles | 602 |
| | <u>6,588</u> |

Principal ports from which ships arrive.

The main trade of the Port is with Dieppe and near Continental Ports but there are also arrivals from German, Baltic and Scandinavian Ports with general cargo and timber.

SECTION IV

Inland Barge Traffic.

This Ports is not used by Inland Barge Traffic.

SECTION V

Water Supply.

No change.

SECTION VI

Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952.

No change.

SECTION VII

Smallpox

No change

SECTION VIII

Venereal Diseases.

No change.

SECTION IX

Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

TABLE D

| Category | Disease | Number of Cases during the year | | Number of ships concerned |
|---|---------|------------------------------------|------|------------------------------|
| | | Passenger | Crew | |
| Cases landed from ships from foreign ports | - | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival | - | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Cases landed from other ships | - | Nil | Nil | Nil |

Short account of measures taken on arrival by ship of (a) any cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever excluded in Table D, and (b) any suspected cases of such disease.

No measures were required to be taken as there was:-

- (a) No cases of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever and
- (b) No suspected cases of such disease which occurred during the year.

SECTION X

Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No cases of malaria arrived at the port, nor did any vessel report a case of malaria during the voyage.

SECTION XI

Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected of Plague

No measures were taken as there were no ships infected with or suspected of Plague.

SECTION XII

Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Where possible the Public Health Inspector examines vessels for the presence of rats. A regular inspection is made in the case of Cross Channel vessels and an attempt is made to inspect thoroughly all foreign going ships.

2. Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of Rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Arrangements exist for the examination of rodents from ships when necessary at the Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

No specimens were sent during 1959.

3. Arrangements in the district for Deratting ships, the methods used and if done by a Commercial Contractor, the name of the Contractor.

The Port is a designated approved port for this purpose as from 1st May, 1957.

Trapping, poisoning and gassing are available. The Contractors carrying out this work are Associated Fumigators Limited and Ratsouris Limited.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Ships using the port are mainly Cross Channel passenger and cargo vessels with a high degree of rat-proofing and little harbourage. Colliers entering the port have been found to be almost devoid of harbourage, while in the modern vessels rat-proofing is good.

If any excessive temporary harbourage is discovered the Master is required to abate same.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

| Category | Number |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Black rats | Nil |
| Brown rats | Nil |
| Species not known | Nil |
| Sent for examination | Nil |
| Infected with plague | Nil |

SECTION XII (Cont)

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption
Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

| H.C.N. | <u>Other fumigant (State method)</u> | After Trapping | After Poisoning | TOTAL | Number of Deratting Exemption Certs. issued. | Total Certificates issued. |
|--------|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------|--|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | 8 | 8 |

SECTION XIII

TABLE G.

Inspection of ships for nuisances.
Inspection & Notices

| <u>Nature and Number of Inspections.</u> | <u>Notices Served</u> | | <u>Result of serving notice.</u> |
|--|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| | <u>Statutory</u> | <u>Others.</u> | |
| Foreign going 57 | Nil | 2 | - |
| Coastwise 59 | Nil | 1 | 1 complied |
| T O T A L : 116 | Nil | 3 | 1 complied |

SECTION XIV

Public Health - Shell Fish

No change

SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens

1. List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of Appointment

- (a) Dr. G.M.D. Lobban, Chief Medical Inspector of Aliens
- (b) Dr. G. Kirker, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens
- (c) Dr. E.J. Neill, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens (Died 11.8.1959)
- (d) Dr. R. Alexander, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens
- (e) Dr. C.S. Barton, Assistant Medical Inspector of Aliens (From 25.8.1959)

SECTION XV (Cont)

2. List of other staff engaged on this work.

Mrs. E. Croucher - Nurse/Attendant

3. Organisation of work.

The organisation of the work is such that the requirements of the Aliens Order, 1953 are met.

4. Nature and Amount of Aliens Traffic.

| Transmigrants | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
|---|--------|--------|-----|---|---|---|---|
| Suffering from acute infectious disease | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Physically incapacitated | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Undesirable for medical reasons | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lunatic, idiot or mentally deficient | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Number subjected to detailed examination by the Medical Inspector | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Number inspected by the Medical Inspector | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| T O T A L | | | | | | | |
| (a) Total number of Aliens landing at the Port. | 39,088 | 38,339 | 749 | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Aliens refused permission to land by the Immigration Officer | 58 | 58 | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Transmigrants | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (d) Total Aliens arriving at the Port | 39,146 | 38,397 | 749 | - | - | - | - |

SECTION XV (CONT)

Total number of vessels carrying alien passengers 333
Total number of vessels dealt with by the Medical Inspector 333

5. No change.

SECTION XVI

Arrangements for Burial on Shore of persons who have died on
board ship

No change